



The Prodigal Father

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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Fourth Sunday in Lent



(◆ All are invited to stand.)

(Resource Key: UMH—United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS—The Faith We Sing)

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

(Please register your attendance.)

PRELUDE "PICARDY" setting by Al Roberts

(Please observe this time as an opportunity for silent prayer and meditation.)

INTROIT "Written in Red" Faithful Chorus, soloist, Bob Dye

GREETING

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

so God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another

in the name of Jesus Christ. *

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

◆ RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

◆ OPENING HYMN, No. 348 UMH "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

DEDICATION OF CRAZY QUILTS & PRAYER SHAWLS

May God's grace be upon these quilts and shawls...

warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing.

May this mantle be a safe haven...

a sacred place of security and well-being...

sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.

May the one who receives these quilts and shawls,

be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace,

and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

UNISON PRAYER

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts.
We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your
sight.**

We have transgressed your holy laws.

We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments.

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things,
that, being delivered from the bondage of sin,
we may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance,
and from henceforth may ever walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All offer prayers of confession in silence.

If we confess our sins,

**God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins,
true repentance, amendment of life,
and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen. ***

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

ANTHEM "Without His Cross"

{8:30 & 11:00}

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

Without His tears there is no comfort. Without His death there is no life. Without His blood there is no pardon. Without His cross there is no crown. Without His shame there is no glory. Without His grief there is no joy. Without His stripes there is no healing. Without His cross there is no crown. (Lamb of God, you bring salvation, and with your grace our hearts are sealed.) Lamb of God, you bring salvation, with your grace our hearts are sealed. Lord, with your tears of love you bathe our sorrows. In your eyes we stand revealed. Without His tears there is no comfort. Without His death, there is no life. Without His blood there is no pardon. Without His cross, there is no crown. Without His blood there is no pardon. Without His cross there is no crown. Without His cross there is no crown.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY "O Sacred Head Now Wounded" *arr. by Dick Torrans*

♦ DOXOLOGY, No. 95 UMH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

{8:30 & 11:00}

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

♦ **HYMN, No. 2151 TFWS** "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE LESSON, Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

TODAY'S MESSAGE "The Prodigal Father" *Douglas Gestwick*

SERVICE OF THE TABLE, No. 17 UMH "Setting A" {9:45}

[Please come to the nearest communion station, and stand to receive the bread and cup. A server will place the bread in your hand, after which you dip the bread into the chalice and partake. After receiving, return to your seats, or kneel at the rail, for meditation and prayer. Notify an usher if you need assistance, or if you need to receive the sacrament at your seat. Please remember to place your monetary gift at the kneeling rail to support our Good Samaritan Fund that assists needy friends and neighbors in York County and Poquoson.]

♦ **CLOSING HYMN, No. 383 UMH** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

[During the singing of the closing hymn, you are invited to kneel at the altar in prayer. If you would like one of the pastors to pray with you, look at them. They will come to you.]

♦ **GOING FORTH WITH THE LIGHT**

♦ **BENEDICTION**

♦ **POSTLUDE** "The Solid Rock" *Arr by Anna Laura Page*



Welcome to St. Luke's! We're glad that God has brought you to worship with us today. We especially welcome newcomers to our community. We invite you to consider making us your church home. Talk with one of the pastors for details.

Please sign our Friendship Register found in the red pads in the pews and pass it to the person next to you. When everyone has signed, please return it to the end of the pew nearest the center aisle. If you are a guest please complete the yellow Visitor card in the pew rack and return it to the Hospitality Center in the Narthex (lobby). A gift is waiting for you there. The Hospitality Host/Hostess is there to give you information about St. Luke's and answer questions.

Infants and toddlers may enjoy our Nursery Ministry during all services; ask an usher for directions to our nursery facilities. Large print bulletins and hymnals, and hearing assist devices, are available from our ushers. Please note: Activity Bags are available in the narthex for younger boys and girls. Please return the bags as you leave worship.

Stay connected! We are pleased to offer our 11:00 AM on the web through a streaming live broadcast. If you miss the service you can also access archives of our services. Just go to our website www.stlukesyorktown.org and click on the "Eleven o'clock Service i-Broadcast." Sunday bulletins are posted on Fridays prior to worship.

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Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Convalescents: Bayside Convalescent – Tom Brewer – Rm 202
Bob & Eleanor Misner - 102
The Chesapeake – Marjorie Bennett – Rm 315
Dominion Village – Geannette Holland
Walter Reed Rehab(Gloucester – Irene Hall – Rm 19B
Warwick Forest:
Marilyn Beckman – Keswick Place- Rm 555
Myra Cobb – Rm 539
Bob Krutsch – The Gardens- Rm 305A
Ruth Smeland – The Gardens – Rm 522A
Evelyn White – Keswick Place
York Convalescent - Sarah Tingen – 1B (Jake Capps mom)
Colonial Harbor – Ann Fink – Rm 117

Wilbert & Barbara Tyler – Rm 228

Heritage Commons – Clarke & Jackie Houston – Rm 130

In The Hospital: DeAnn Posey – surgery 3/12 – Mary Immaculate
Mary Myers – hospital in PA (John Myers' mother)
Abby Jones – CHKD
Jim Johnson – (Suzie Smith's brother)
Pierce Ellis – Del. Hospital (Blair Ellis' father)
Kathy McCloud –eye surgery – GA (Suzi Robinson's sister)
Cathryn Hurst - Stroke - MI (Ann Fink's sister)

Prayers and Sympathy to: Joe and DeAnn Posey on the death of his mother, Mary Posey, March 5, 2010.

Cille Honig on the death of her mother, Mary Strickler.

Congratulations to: Jon and Malissa Carpenter on the birth of son Brian James born March 3, 2010.

Other members: Ann Burnette, Mildred Epperly, Helen Gaddis, Jeanette George, Sheryl Gibbs, Linda Hampton, Bill Hunter, John Masten, Sue Merritt, Ron and Betty Miller, Nancy Mullins, Gloria Nuckles, Ann and Lee Person, Bill Price, Brenda Ramsey, Ernest White

Extended family and friends: Travis Allen, Andy Anderson, Tarmara Batt, Shannon Begy, Alston Black, Lee Booth II, Anna Bryant, Kevin Butler, Lauren Burke, Joe Cannon, Nanette Carbonneau, Nancy Clark, Betty Collins, John Collins, Judy Collins, Chuck Crisp, Shawn Crummel, Elsie Curtis, Burt Daniel, Audrey Diperse, Ann Edgath, Marie Frazier, Vince Grande, Sydney Harris, Michael Hatton, Eric Hogge, Joe Hughes, John Johnson, Bernice Jones, Billie Jones, George Jordon, Myrtle Jordon, Tina Kelly, Shirley Kong, Mary Lurowski, Frank Maness, Carol Masser, Pam McCann, Julie Mitcham, Brian Murphy, Loretta Moncrieff, Ryan and Jennifer Moneyhun, Michael Overall, Bob Parrish, Terry Phillips, Mason Quimby, Liz Rich, Debra Robinson, Shirley Roller, Sandy Sherrin, Suzie Smith's family, Joshua Snell, Traci Snell, David Stephens, Diana Teaford, Andre Tennant, Don Thompson, Jayson Thompson, Deanna Tumey, Neil Turk, Paula Watts, Marsha Ward, Wanda Weeks, Shirley Wilson, Ken Wrisley, Tim Zelner, Mary Zurowski, Carol Zsolinski

Our Military especially

those deployed: David Cluxton, Scott Glass, Ben Liles, Paul Mowery

Pray that our military forces will operate safely and have "Faith in the Foxhole."

Acolytes: (8:30) Harper Cowan and Jake Verry **Crucifer:** Gaelan Verry
(11:00) Kara Parr and Alyson Weems **Crucifer:** Meredith Young

Shepherd Ministry: Verda Early

Attendance on March 7, 2010: Worship – 513

Have a Happy Easter! (Tear Here)

St. Luke's Worship Ministry is, creating a flowering Easter Garden in the sanctuary. A monetary donation may be given in honor or memory of any individual or family member. Please help us create this garden to beautify our sanctuary to God's glory. If you wish to participate, complete the coupon below, attach your check (to St. Luke's UMC) and place it in the offering plate or deliver it to the church. If you wish you may pick your plant up following the 11:00 service. Those that aren't picked up will be used on church grounds. Any monetary donations not used for the flowers will be given to a future St. Luke's mission trip. **Deadline: March 28th, 2010**

Please accept this gift in honor of: _____

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Given by: _____

ST. LUKE'S IN ACTION - Week of March 14, 2010

TODAY	8:45	Simply Christian Adult Sunday School Class
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00	Young Adult Sunday School Class (rm 29)
	11:00	Prayer Ministry Team (room 4 – all are invited to join)
	12:15	Acolyte Training in the sanctuary (see article)
	4:00	Confirmation Class
	4:00	Youth Praise Band
	4:00	Disciple IV Bible Study
	5:00-7:00	Middle School Fellowship of Clay
	6:30-8:30	High School Fellowship of Clay
MO	9:00-3:00	(M-F) Easter Egg Project
	9:30-12:30	Mon & Tues. Preschool
	10:30	York Convalescent Worship Service
	7:00	Nurture Ministry
TU	11:00	Staff Meeting
	6:30	Campaign Steering Committee
WED	11:00	Overeaters Anonymous meeting
	6:00	High School & Middle School Bible Study
	6:15	Discovery Kids
	6:15	The Faithful Chorus rehearsal
	6:15	Hand Bell Choir rehearsal
	6:30	God's Renewed Creation study
	6:30	The Book of Psalms study
	6:30	Disciple I Bible Study
	6:30	"The Shack" Study
	7:00	Youth Band practice
	7:15	Chancel Choir rehearsal
THU	10:00	Acts Bible Study
	10:00	The Book of Psalms study
	12:00	Lenten Lunch (sign up & menu on hall board)
	7:00	Acts Bible Study
FR	8:00-10:00	Youth Fifth Quarter
SAT	7:00-8:30	God and Grits Men's Bible Study
SUN	8:00	UM Men's Fellowship Breakfast



Passionate Worship

Acolyte Training - There will be a training session TODAY after the 11 o'clock service for any children 3rd grade and above interesting in becoming an acolyte.

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday - March 28th at 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 AM

Maundy Thursday - April 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday - April 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday - April 4, 2010

Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM & Services of Resurrection - 8:30, 9:45, & 11:00 AM

Radical Hospitality

Lenten Lunches - Please join us Thursdays at noon during Lent for our annual Lenten Lunches. Come and enjoy a simple meal while the clergy lead a discussion on *The Many Faces of Jesus*. Please sign-up on the bulletin board at the "T." Runs Feb. 25th - March 25th.

Risk Taking Mission

Crazy Quilts Update - On March 31 the shelters will close and once again the area's homeless will be turned out into the streets. The Crazy Quilts sewing group has been working diligently throughout the year so that our homeless neighbors will have a warm place to sleep. We have produced 46 bed rolls to be given to PORT. We would like to thank all who help support this ministry with time, talent, material donations, etc. We will re-convene in late summer or early fall. If you'd like to be a part of this ministry, or just want more information, please feel free to contact Barb Ripley at 865-6546 or ripley-family@verizon.net.

Spring Break Mission Trip to D'Iberville, MS from April 5-10. We will be doing Katrina rebuilding and repair. The houses we've been working on have been sitting idle and empty for 4 1/2 years with owners who have been praying for help during that time. If you're interested in helping them, please contact Ron Dorenbush at (H) 872-4666; (C) 817-0196 or email rdorenbush@aol.com.

Stop Hunger Now—We will hold an inter-generational **Stop Hunger Now** event on May 2. SHN has already started shipping millions of meals to Haiti to help the relief effort. Each meal costs 25¢ and there are six meals in a pack. If you would like to make a donation please make your check out to St. Luke's UMC and write Stop Hunger Now in the memo line. If you would like to package meals come out on May 2nd.

Intentional Faith Development

SOFTBALL! Adult Coed Slow-pitch Softball begins soon! Everyone 16 (by 10 April) and up is welcome to play! Games are all on Saturday mornings. The season runs from April 10 until July 10 with no games Memorial Day weekend nor Jul 4th weekend. Most games are at Liberty Baptist. This is a 'for fun' league and we *do have fun!* No experience is required! We need you! All you need is a glove! Schedule of games will come later. Call or text Kathie Murphy for more info: 757 208-1061 or email kcmurphy5@aol.com

UMM BREAKFAST & SPECIAL PROGRAM will be held next Sun Mar 21 @ 8:15 sharp. Fellowship begins @8:00 with the program immediately after breakfast. Kosai Hanna and his son Rami Batros will share with us about their life in Iraq, Syria and in America. We will meet in room 21.

Extravagant Generosity

College Care Packages (today only): Please stop by the table in the Narthex and select one of St. Luke's college students to bless with a care package. St. Luke's provides the shipping box and address. You fill the box with goodies and mail it to the student. Thank you so much for your faithful participation in this ministry.

Easter Egg Project is in full swing. Come help trim chocolate with Joan or Nancy, decorate the eggs with Paulette or Sarah, fellowship with Mary, Dave, Amanda, Virginia, Roger, Laura, Stan, Peggy, James, Jean, Steve, Elaine, Jerry & more. We meet in the Fellowship Hall to work M – F, 9AM – 3PM. Nursery is provided. We hope to see you there.

Easter Egg Project Order Forms are available. Place your order today. This Friday, March 19 is the order deadline. One-half pound chocolate-covered peanut butter, butter crème, mint crème or orange crème eggs are still \$3.50. A Limited Edition Coconut Egg is available for \$5.00. Pick up an extra flyer & order form to share with friends, family or co-workers to help sell our eggs. We appreciate your support.

Medicine Box Collections - Monetary donations will be collected throughout the month of March to purchase a Medicine Box. This is an UMCOR program administered by I.M.A., (Interchurch Medical Assistance), which purchases essential medicines and medical supplies to treat 1,000 adults and children for 2-3 months. Checks may be made out to SLUMC and placed in the collection plate. Please put "Medicine Box" on the memo line.

Brazilian Missionaries Coming - Join us March 21st at 6:00 PM for "A Taste of Brazil" with missionaries Teca and Gordon Greathouse who will speak about the Shade and Fresh Water Project they support in Brazil. A Brazilian dinner will be included the presentation. A love offering will be collected to support this mission.

Helping Chile Earthquake Recovery - You can help by making donations to United Methodist Committee on Relief by writing a check to St. Luke's UMC and write UMCOR Chile Emergency Advance #3021178 in the memo line. At this time it is not anticipated that relief supply kits will be needed. Please place checks in the offering plate.

Helping Haiti Earthquake Recovery - You can help by making donations to United Methodist Committee on Relief by writing a check to St. Luke's. Please put UMCOR Haiti Emergency Advance # 418325 in the memo line. You may also donate a Health Kit or write a check to SLUMC for Health Kits for Haiti in the memo line. Each kit costs \$10.00. Please place checks in the offering plate.

Annual Relay for Life Yard Sale At Kiln Creek -Your St. Luke's Relay teams are having their annual spring yard sale at the Clotfelter's in Kiln Creek on Saturday, April 10th. We would certainly love to have your help in three ways: 1) Donate **gently used** items (we will pick up at your home). 2) Come out on the 10th and purchase items (and hot dogs). 3) Make baked goods for sale, and all this to benefit the American Cancer Society. Contact Mike Mellen at 898-3190, Tom Burke at 591-1881 or Dennis Crocker at 898-3823.